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ITEM 1. Proposed Project

The Imperial County Sheriff's Office with the Imperial County Sheriff's Off-Highway Vehicle Enforcement Safety Team (OHVEST) has quickly become the lead agency for law enforcement in the vast off-highway use areas of Imperial County. The Imperial County Sheriff's Office will again form an Off-Highway Law Enforcement Coalition consisting of local law enforcement agencies as well as deputies from the San Diego Sheriff's Department.

On busy weekends and the six major OHV holidays, Halloween, Thanksgiving, New Years, President's Day, Martin Luther King Day and Easter we can experience over one (1) million OHV visitors a year, in the Imperial Sand Dunes area alone. At the same time we have experienced significant growth in Off Highway recreation in the west desert areas of Superstition Mountain, Ocotillo Wells, Heber Dunes and Truckhaven.

This upcoming Off-Highway season OHVEST will be focusing their mission on visitor safety and Environmental Safety.

Visitor safety will focus on OHV Equipment Violations, Reckless, Negligent OHV Operation and DUI.

Environmental Safety will focus on closures, habitat and critical environmental areas designated as protected, illegal dumping and OHV noise enforcement.

ITEM 2. Project Coverage

The Imperial County Sheriff's Office will patrol the 159,072 acres of the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA), Algodones Sand Dunes or more commonly known as Glamis, Buttercup or Gordon's Well Dunes, 85,000 acres at Ocotillo Wells (SVRA), 343 acres at Heber Dunes, 41,000 acres in Plaster City and 13,000 acres at Superstition Mountain. We also patrol the public lands along the Colorado River on weekends during the summer boating season.

ITEM 3. Describe the frequency of the patrols

There will be law enforcement personnel assigned to this project to provide coverage to ISDRA seven (7) days per week. Actual shifts will vary dependent upon the time of year and the amount of activity in the various desert areas. During the six major holiday weekends we schedule up to two (2) twelve (12) hour shifts per day and one (1) graveyard shift. These shifts include a one (1) Chief Deputy, One (1) Lieutenant, and two (2) additional Sergeants and approximately thirty (30) additional deputies and coalition officers. Also during the holiday weekends we utilize one team of twenty one (21) deputies from the San Diego Sheriff's Department.

ITEM 4. Deployment of Personnel

We propose to use our Off Highway Grant funds to help fund a Sergeant and two deputies assigned to the Grant. We will pay overtime for additional Sheriff's and Coalition personnel to help provide law enforcement on major and on busy weekends. We will again fund law enforcement assistance from the San Diego Sheriff's Department on major holidays. For the Imperial County vast desert areas the Imperial County Sheriff's Office deployed one Sergeant for the period of 7 Moths, one Deputy Sheriff's position for seven (7) months, and 1 Deputy Sheriff's position for five (5) months. Another twenty five (25) Deputies from forces were deployed to support OHVEST on major Holiday weekends. Thirteen(13) additional Imperial County Sheriff's and Twenty (20) San Diego Sheriff's personnel helped to provide law enforcement on major holidays and on busy weekends. In addition to sword in officers the Imperial County Sheriff's Office utilizes his volunteers services units to s assist in providing public safety. The Explorers Cadets volunteer their time handing out flayers and pamphlets at events. The cadets are also used with traffic control during OHV registration checkpoints. The Aero Squadron patrols with two for two three hour shifts on each of the six major holidays. They are also available as needed to assist with search and missions. De Anza Search and Rescue is a highly trained volunteer group that assists in the search and rescue of lost and or injured persons within our County. Sheriff's Reserve Unit this is a qualified law enforcement unit that assist with enforcement at our checkpoints and provides additional law enforcement in all desert areas of the county.

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1. Identify areas with high priority law enforcement needs because of public safety, cultural resources, and sensitive environmental habitats, including wilderness areas and areas of critical environmental concerns:

The Imperial County Sheriff's Office is responsible for the protection of natural and cultural resources and for providing law enforcement services to the vast desert areas of Imperial County which include 159,072 acres of the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreational Area (ISDRA), Algodones Sand Dunes or more commonly known as Glamis Dunes. Buttercop and Gordon's Well areas, 85,000 acres at Ocotillo Wells (SVRA), 343 acres at the Heber Dunes, 41,000 acres in Plaster City and 13,000 acres at Superstition Mountains. On Major holidays the ISDRA area alone can experience more than 200,000 visitors.

2. Describe how the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and will sustain OHV Recreation, motorized off-highway access to non-motorized recreation, or OHV Opportunities associated with the Project Area:

A part of the OVHEST law enforcement mission will be to protect our OHV sensitive and closure areas from intrusions. Dune patrol experience has exposed OHV area targets that are trespassed by dune visitors on motorized OHV's traveling Oldsmobile Hill, China Wall and Patton Valley, with the experienced leadership of the Imperial County Sheriff's Office OVHEST team in the Dunes areas over several years conflicts have been noticed between environmentalist, non motorized and motorized duners. It is part of our OHVEST mission to reduce this conflict by understanding and working with this diverse groups. By patrolling in and around the camping areas we ensure that the OHV users don't create an atmosphere where these conflicts could create problems.

3. Describe the Applicant's formal or informal cooperation with other law enforcement agencies:

The Imperial County Sheriff's Office has a Law Enforcement Coalition Memorandum of Understanding between Federal, State and Local agencies. These agencies are Calexico PD, Westmorland PD, Imperial PD, Holtville PD, El Centro PD, Imperial County Fire Department, Calipatria PD, Brawley PD, Bureau of Land Management and California Highway Patrol. Additional Support on busy holidays is received by the San Diego Sheriff's Department.

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4. Does the Applicant recover a portion of the law enforcement costs directly associated with privately sponsored OHV events where sponsors have obtained a local permit? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)

Explain

All permits are issued by the Bureau of Land Management.

5. The Applicant agrees to implement a public education program that includes information on safety programs available in the area and how to report OHV violations? ☒ Yes ☐ No
(Please select Yes or No)

6. Describe the Applicant's OHV law enforcement training program including how the training program educates personnel to address OHV safety and natural and cultural resource protection:

The Imperial County Sheriff's Office is constantly training our personnel and our law enforcement coalition in the laws and issues pertaining to off road use and environmental violations so that our officers have the knowledge to assist visitors. The OVHEST team is committed to "Camp Smart" campaign to give OHVEST Deputies the opportunity to meet the public and educate them on the off Highway vehicle laws. With this unique designed educational pamphlet we are able to help provide the OHV visitor with valuable information to make their duning experience a safe and enjoyable one. This year we gave our Deputies and Coalition Officers/Deputies extensive briefing training before shifts on Arizona Laws regarding the registrations issues and upcoming Arizona legislation and laws so that Deputies and Coaliton Officers/Deputies could enforce as well as educate the public on the Arizona registration issues.

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7. Is the proposed project in accordance with local or federal plans and the OHMVR Division Strategic Plan? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No

8. LOCAL AGENCIES ONLY - Describe the Applicant's policies and/or agreements regarding enforcement on federal land:

The Imperial County Sheriff's Office has an Assistance Agreement with the Bureau of Land Management to assist them with law enforcement issues, enforcing State and County laws, but remaining under the supervision, authority, and responsibility of the Imperial County Sheriff. The Sheriff has agreed to increase staffing on major national holidays and weekends between Oct 15 and April 15 to assure adequate law enforcement of federal land.

9. COUNTIES ONLY - Describe how the OHV in-lieu of tax funds are being used and whether the use of these fees complements the Applicant's project:

The OHV in -lieu tax funds have been use to purchase three (3) Patrol Vehicles totally outfitted with light sirens and safety equipment for the Off Highway Vehicle Enforcement Safety Team. A radar gun for safety enforcement at OHV areas. Funds have also been utilize to perform ecological study in the west desert of Imperial County to ensured the continued access for OHV vehicles. The Imperial County Board of Supervisors has also released OHV in- lieu funds fro various Bureau Land Management projects, including completion of the new Buttercup BLM station, In lie tax fund have been enable the Imperial County Sheriff's Office to maintains patrol units exclusively assigned to OHV program.

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10. APPLICANTS WHO MANAGE OHV RECREATION FACILITIES – Describe how your organization is meeting its operation and maintenance needs:

Management is not applicable to Imperial County Sheriff's Office, the Bureau of Land Management is in charge of those operations.

11. The Applicant agrees to enforce the registration of OHVs and the other provision of Division 16.5 commencing with Section 38000 of the vehicle code and to enforce other applicable laws regarding the operation of OHVs? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009
Agency: Imperial County Sheriff's Office
Application: Law Enforcement

6/2/2009

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APPLICANT NAME :	Imperial County Sheriff's Office		
PROJECT TITLE :	Law Enforcement	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	
PROJECT TYPE :	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
PROJECT DESCRIPTION :	<p>The Imperial County Sheriff's Office with the Imperial County Sheriff's Off-Highway Vehicle Enforcement Safety Team (OHVEST) has quickly become the lead agency for law enforcement in the vast off-highway use areas of Imperial County. The Imperial County Sheriff's Office will again form an Off-Highway Law Enforcement Coalition consisting of local law enforcement agencies as well as deputies from the San Diego Sheriff's Department.</p> <p>On busy weekends and the six major OHV holidays, Halloween, Thanksgiving, New Years, President's Day, Martin Luther King Day and Easter we can experience over one (1) million OHV visitors a year, in the Imperial Sand Dunes area alone. At the same time we have experienced significant growth in Off Highway recreation in the west desert areas of Superstition Mountain, Ocotillo Wells, Heber Dunes and Truckhaven.</p> <p>This upcoming Off-Highway season OHVEST will be focusing their mission on visitor safety and Environmental Safety.</p> <p>Visitor safety will focus on OHV Equipment Violations, Reckless, Negligent OHV Operation and DUI.</p> <p>Environmental Safety will focus on closures, habitat and critical environmental areas designated as protected, illegal dumping and OHV noise enforcement.</p>		

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Sergeant	7.000	9137.000	MOS	63,959.00	0.00	63,959.00
	Other-Deputy Plus Benefits Notes : Deputy Plus Benefits	7.000	7253.000	MOS	50,771.00	0.00	50,771.00
	Other-Deputy Plus Benefits Notes : Deputy Plus Benefits	7.000	7253.000	MOS	50,771.00	0.00	50,771.00
	Other-Volunteers Notes : volunteers	960.000	40.000	HRS	0.00	38,400.00	38,400.00

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	Other-1/3 Lieutenant Plus Benefits	1.000	74124.000	MOS	0.00	74,124.00	74,124.00
	Total for Staff				165,501.00	112,524.00	278,025.00
2	Contracts						
	Other-San Diego Sheriff	1.000	225000.000	YR	120,000.00	105,000.00	225,000.00
	Other-Office/Storage Notes : Office/Storage	12.000	2500.000	MOS	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00
	Other-Utilities	12.000	500.000	MOS	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
	Total for Contracts				156,000.00	105,000.00	261,000.00
3	Materials / Supplies						
	Other-Office/Janitorial Supplies	1.000	3000.000	YR	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
	Other-Educational Material	1.000	3000.000	YR	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
	Total for Materials / Supplies				3,000.00	3,000.00	6,000.00
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
	Other-Gas/Fuel	1.000	3000.000	YR	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
	Other-Qads-12	2.000	2400.000	YR	4,800.00	0.00	4,800.00
	Other-Vehicles	12.000	600.000	MOS	7,200.00	0.00	7,200.00
	Other-Mileage	150792.000	0.460	EA	69,364.00	0.00	69,364.00
	Other-Sand Rail Maintenance	1.000	3000.000	YR	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
	Total for Equipment Use Expenses				81,364.00	6,000.00	87,364.00
5	Equipment Purchases						
	Other-Yamaha Rhino and accesories Notes : In this grant cycle we are requesting funds to purchase a Yamaha Rhino, with Emergency and Safety Equipment specific for	1.000	15000.000	EA	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00

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	desert patrol. This will enable us to add an extra two man patrol with more versatility than quad patrol. The vehicle will enable us to patrol the borders of the closure areas in the desert, Campsites, Vendor areas, Parking areas and OHV's recreation areas more effectively where larger 4x4 vehicles have limited or no access						
6	Others						
	Training	1.000	4000.000		2,000.00	2,000.00	4,000.00
	Other-Uniform Allowance	1.000	3000.000		0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
	Other-Cell Phone Charges	12.000	60.000		0.00	720.00	720.00
	Other-Coalition Overtime	1.000	150000.000		150,000.00	0.00	150,000.00
	Total for Others				152,000.00	5,720.00	157,720.00
7	Administrative Costs						
	Administrative Costs-administrative cost	1.000	57286.000	YR	0.00	57,286.00	57,286.00
Total Program Expenses					572,865.00	289,530.00	862,395.00
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES					572,865.00	289,530.00	862,395.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES					572,865.00	289,530.00	862,395.00

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2	Contracts	156,000.00	105,000.00	261,000.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	3,000.00	3,000.00	6,000.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	81,364.00	6,000.00	87,364.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	
6	Others	152,000.00	5,720.00	157,720.00	
7	Administrative Costs	0.00	57,286.00	57,286.00	
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ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)

ITEM 2

- b. ITEM 2 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)
- c. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
- d. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 3 – 9

ITEM 3 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

ITEM 4 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

ITEM 5 - Soil Impacts

ITEM 6 - Damage to Scenic Resources

ITEM 7 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

ITEM 8 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the potential impacts and for any substantially adverse changes in the significance of historical or cultural resources and measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the impacts.

ITEM 9 - Indirect Significant Impacts

CEQA/NEPA Attachment